

Menomonie Urban Forestry Board Minutes

September 19, 2018

Committee Members Present:

Eric Sutherland (1.5 hrs.)

Joe Jax (2.0 hrs.)

Cindy Gilberts (2 hrs.)

Mike Smith (1 hr.)

Others Present: Dick Henning, John Johnson, Bruce Heath, and Sue Hitz

The meeting was called to order by Joe Jax, Chair. Roll call was taken by passing around a sign-up sheet and recording the volunteer hours. Minutes were sent to the committee prior to the meeting and were reviewed.

Acceptance of Minutes: A motion was made by Cindy Gilberts to accept the minutes and was seconded by Mike Smith. Motion carried.

Lumberjack Status/Location and removal of maple tree in Cedar Rama Park: There was a lot of discussion on the location of the lumberjack. The street department took a closer look at the location and they feel the lumberjack should be moved in the area of where the maple tree is currently planted and there is a storm sewer located near there too. The maple tree is rotten in the center, it maybe could have up to two year life span. It was also discussed moving the lumberjack further to the West, but it isn't a prime spot due to not seeing it from the road. At this time the lumberjack will be ready for putting up by October 31st unless something comes up.

Other items discussed at Cedar Rama Park:

- Trimming trees/ brush for the deck lookout
- The bubbler is nonfunctional at this time
- Adding two new trees when the maple tree needs to be removed

A vote was taken on the location of the lumberjack. The vote was five for removing the maple tree, but leaving it as long as possible this year before removal and two votes against removing the maple tree. (John Anshus was absent but requested that his vote be counted.) John Johnson will plant two new trees in Cedar Rama Park. Dick Henning will check on the bubbler and see about fixing it. The street department will do the trimming for the deck lookout.

Items to add to the Agenda: None

Forester Report: The 2018/2019 Tree Pruning Schedule will be finish the North from 2018 and during the winter of 2018 and 2019 the street department will be working on Stout Road and going South to Dairyland Road.

The Dutch Elm is completed.

Park Superintendent Report:

All benches that were given are on concrete and also anchored. The locations are the library, Wakanda Park, and the disc golf course.

City Council: Will soon be working on the budget.

Items for next meeting agenda:

- What to do with any additional benches?
- Discuss acknowledgment sign about benches
- Nancy to report on International Urban Forestry Congress 2018

Next meeting: October 17th, City Hall Conference Room at 2 P.M.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mike Smith, and was seconded by Cindy Gilberts. Motion carried. Minutes submitted by: Sue Hitz

